

# National Divisions Immunisation Workshop

Pacific Novotel, Coffs Harbour



## *Unleashing the Power of Divisions*

### Program

#### **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2007 – Room: Charlie's Deck**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Content</b>
6.30 pm	Social Networking evening	Welcome, registration
7.00 pm	Social Networking evening	Showcasing divisional activities

#### **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2007 – Room: Reef Room**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Content</b>
7.30 am	Breakfast, Registration and Welcome	Helen Moore, Principal Adviser for Immunisation, Australian General Practice Network
7.45 am	Keynote speech - The importance of General Practice and immunisation for public health	Dr Raymond Seidler - Kings Cross GP
9.00 am	Vaccines of the year!!	Dr Greg Rowles – HPV, Rota, Handbook and the rest ...
9.45 am	Collaboration is the name of the Game!	Kate Russo – Dandenong division working with stakeholders in public health to promote immunisation
10.15 am	Morning Tea – Room: Island Courtyard	
10.30 am	Vaccine Management – Making every shot count!	Jane Sanders – The Kiss Guide to Vaccine Management - report of the joint GPQ and Queensland Health joint venture.
11.00 am	Pandemic Planning for general practices	Dr Jonathon Anderson – GP with an inner Melbourne practice
11.45 am	Lunch	
12.45 pm	Flu Season for 2008 – let's be organised!	Meredith Cameron from the National Institute for Clinical Studies (NICS), NHMRC. Increasing influenza vaccinations in at risk groups and health care workers through a national communications campaign.
1.15 pm	Practice Nurse Immunisers	Vince Rettura – WA Dept of Health - Nurse immuniser Training plan for WA
1.45 pm	Immunisation – let's be vigilant as there's no time for complacency!	Professor Peter McIntyre, Director of the National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance (NCIRS) 10 years of vaccine history and where do we go from here with some current trials of vaccines in Australia and internationally.
2.30 pm	Evaluation and discussion	Helen Moore
2.45 pm	Afternoon Tea – Room: Island Courtyard	
3.00 pm	Close	Afternoon tea will continue for those who would like to/are able to stay and chat.

***Thank you for your participation!***

***Officers from Medicare Australia will be available throughout the day to answer questions from those who want information about the various Medicare, ACIR and GPII forms and procedures.***

## About our Speakers

### Dr Ray Seidler

Dr Raymond Seidler MB BS FACHAM [RACP] has worked as a GP in Kings Cross, New South Wales for 29 years. He has a special interest in Addiction Medicine and it is the Cross' extraordinary tapestry of patients which provides him with grist for his informative and entertaining presentations to both medical and general audiences including Divisions of GPs nationally, GPCE, medical staff as well as corporate functions. Raymond is frequently asked by local and national media, print and electronic, for comment on various medical issues and stories and he is a regular contributor to *Australian Doctor*. He is the secretary of the Eastern Sydney Division of General Practice; First call panel member for the Doctor's Health Advisory Service; peer reviewer standards Committee of the NSW Medical Board.



### Dr Greg Rowles

Greg is a general practitioner in rural Victoria, who has been advising Divisions of General Practice on Immunisation issues for the last 10 years. He is currently the Australian General Practice Network's GP Representative on the National Immunisation Committee.

### Kate Russo

Kate has a Bachelor of Nursing, a Graduate Diploma Adult Education and Training. Over the years she has worked at Alfred Hospital, Melbourne, Masada Private Hospital, Asthma Victoria and Centre for Adolescent Health, RCH, Melbourne. Eleven years ago Kate began work at the Dandenong District Division of General Practice where in between having three sons her programs have been varied. She began working in immunisation in late 1997 and is determined to reach a 90% rate and maintain it. Her personal interests include book club, trainer for sons' footy team and loves a strawberry daiquiri or two!

### Jane Sanders

Jane joined General Practice Queensland as the Program Coordinator – Immunisation earlier this year after relocating from Melbourne, where she worked at Whitehorse Division of General Practice. As part of her work supporting Qld Divisions with all things related to immunisation, she also finds herself promoting the outcomes of the Qld Vaccine Management Project.

### Dr Jonathon Anderson

Dr Jonathan Anderson is a GP in Carlton Victoria who recently helped DHS Victoria produce a pandemic flu information kit and work plan for general practice.

### Vince Rettura

Vince is a Health Promotion Practitioner working as a Program Coordinator for the Department of Health Communicable Disease Control Directorate, Prevention and Control Program. He deals with Education and Training for the State and school base immunisation program coordination.

## **Meredith Cameron**



Meredith Cameron is a Communications Advisor with the National Institute of Clinical Studies (NICS) NHMRC. She has over twenty years experience in health communications and has worked previously with the Eastern Sydney Area Health Service and Monash University's Institute of Health Services Research, as well as the Cochrane Collaboration. She has presented internationally on dissemination and has provided training in public speaking, strategic planning, media relations and communications.

Meredith is also a published author and has written over 400 plain English synopses of Cochrane reviews, together with many articles and other communication tools. She has managed her own consultancy and has worked with NICS for several years, both as a consultant and more recently as a part of the communications team, where she provides communications advice and manages numerous projects including the Fight Flu campaign.

## **Prof Peter McIntyre**

Peter McIntyre is the Director of NCIRS. He trained as a paediatrician and infectious disease physician, completing the FRACP in 1986 and became a Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health Medicine in 1992. His PhD in the epidemiology of invasive Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) disease with the School of Public Health, University of Sydney was completed in 1995. His current research interests include surveillance and prevention by vaccination of invasive Hib and pneumococcal disease and pertussis, and the use of routinely collected data including the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR). He has extensive experience in vaccine trials.

He has a clinical appointment at the Children's Hospital at Westmead as a Senior Staff Specialist in Infectious Diseases and a conjoint academic appointment as Professor in the Discipline of Paediatrics and Child Health and the School of Public Health, University of Sydney.



## **Helen Moore**



Helen is the Principal Adviser for Immunisation for the Australian General Practice Network with the role of National General Practice Immunisation Coordinator. She has a biological science background with epidemiology and population health as key interests. She has been a teacher at secondary and tertiary level and a consultant in areas of health policy, governance and e-government. She has experience of project management, running a small business as well as developing training materials for senior professionals. Helen has also spent a number of years as a political and ministerial advisor and has a keen understanding of Government and policy processes.